Southwest Louisiana

National Wildlife Refuge Complex Bird List

Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine



Roseate Spoonbill by Ryan Hager

The Southwest Louisiana
National Wildlife Refuge
Complex consists of Cameron
Prairie, Lacassine and
Sabine National Wildlife
Refuges. Together these
refuges total over 184,000
acres and are located in
the extreme southwestern
portion of Louisiana in
Cameron Parish.

The Complex also manages a private, state and federal venture known as the Cameron Creole Watershed Project consisting of an additional 49,000 acres. The diversity of habitat enhances the value of these southwest Louisiana coastal refuges to a great variety of migratory birds utilizing the Central and Mississippi Flyways.

The Refuge Complex consists of a diversity of habitats including fresh and saltwater marshes, coastal prairie, bottomland hardwoods, numerous ridges and levees, wooded islands, tidal bayous and canals, ponds, and lakes. Additionally, some areas are managed for moist soil plants and agricultural crops to provide desirable waterfowl foods.

This list of birds recorded on the Complex includes 313 species, of which 22 are incidentals, very rarely seen on the Complex with only one or two sightings. This checklist has been designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithological Union.

Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

Seasonal Appearance

SP: Spring March-May

S: Summer..... June-August

F: Fall.....September-November

W: Winter...... December-February

Seasonal Abundance

a - abundant (a common species which is very numerous)

c - common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)

u - uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)

o - occasional (seen only a few times within a season)

r - rare (seen at intervals of two to five years)

* - nests within the Refuge Complex

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	SP	S	F	W		SP	S	F	W
Loons					Canvasback	\mathbf{r}		0	0
Common Loon	0		0	0	Redhead	\mathbf{r}		0	0
Grebes					Greater Scaup	u		u	u
Pied-billed Grebe*	c	u	c	c	Ring-necked Duck	c		c	\mathbf{c}
Eared Grebe	r		r	r	Common Goldeneye	\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}	r	r
Horned Grebe	\mathbf{r}		r	r	Bufflehead	u		u	u
					Ruddy Duck	u		0	\mathbf{r}
Pelicans					Hooded Merganser	0		0	0
American White Pelican	c	0	\mathbf{c}	c	Red-breasted Merganser	0		O	u
Brown Pelican	0	0	0	0	Common Merganser	r			r
Frigatebird					Eagles, Falcons, Hawks, and Vultures				
Magnificent Frigatebird		r	r		Black Vulture	0	0	0	0
0					Turkey Vulture*	0	0	0	0
Anhingas and Cormorants					Osprey	0	\mathbf{r}	o	0
Anhinga*	u	u	u	0	White-tailed Kite	0	\mathbf{r}	0	0
Double-crested Cormorantc	0	c	c		Mississippi Kite	\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}	r	
Neotropic Cormorant*	a	a	a	a	Sharp-shinned Hawk	0		u	0
					Cooper's Hawk	0	\mathbf{r}	u	0
Wading Birds-Bitterns, Herons, and Egret	S				Northern Harrier	u		c	\mathbf{c}
American Bittern*	u	r	u	u	Red-shouldered Hawk*	0	0	u	u
Least Bittern*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	r	Broad-winged Hawk	0	r	u	
Great Blue Heron*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	c	Red-tailed Hawk	c	0	\mathbf{c}	c
Great Egret*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	c	Golden Eagle	0		o	0
Snowy Egret*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	c	Bald Eagle	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}	r
Reddish Egret	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	r	Crested Caracara	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	r
Little Blue Heron*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	u	American Kestrel	u		u	u
Tricolored Heron*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	c	Merlin	0		o	0
Cattle Egret*	a	a	a	a	Peregrine Falcon	0		o	0
Green Heron*	a	a	c	0					
Black-crowned Night Heron	\mathbf{c}	c	c	u	Upland Game Birds				
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	\mathbf{c}	c	0	\mathbf{r}	Northern Bobwhite*	0	0	O	0
Glossy Ibis*	O	0	0	0					
White-faced Ibis*	a	a	c	c	Rails, Gallinules, Coots, Cranes				
White Ibis*	a	a	c	c	Clapper Rail*	c	c	c	\mathbf{c}
Roseate Spoonbill*	\mathbf{c}	c	u	u	King Rail*	c	c	c	\mathbf{c}
Wood Stork		0	0		Virginia Rail	0		O	0
					Sora	c		u	c
Geese					Yellow Rail	0		O	0
Greater White-fronted Goose	\mathbf{c}	\mathbf{r}	a	a	Black Rail	r		r	\mathbf{r}
Ross' Goose	\mathbf{r}		0	0	Common Moorhen*	a	a	a	a
Snow Goose	a	r	a	a	Purple Gallinule*	c	c	u	r
Canada Goose	0	0	0	0	American Coot*	a	r	a	a
Ducks and Mergansers					Sandhill Crane	r		r	0
Fulvous Whistling-Duck*	0	11	0	0	Shorebirds				
Black-bellied Whistling Duck*	c	u	c	0	Black-bellied Plover	c		o	o
Wood Duck*	u	u	0	r	American Golden-Plover	0		$egin{array}{c} \mathbf{r} \end{array}$	c
Mallard	u	u r	u	u	Killdeer*	c	c	c	o
American Black Duck	c	1	a	a	Semipalmated Plover	c	0	c	c c
Mottled Duck*	r	0	r	r	Wilson's Plover	r	$^{ m c}$	$^{ m c}$	r
Gadwall	c c	С	c c	c c	Black-necked Stilt*	c	c	c	u
Northern Pintail		r			American Avocet	u	r	u	
American Wigeon	c c	1	a c	a c	Greater Yellowlegs	u C	0	u c	u c
Northern Shoveler	a	0	a	a	Lesser Yellowlegs	c	0	c	c
Blue-winged Teal*	a C	$^{ m o}$	a a	a a	Solitary Sandpiper	u	u	u	r
Cinnamon Teal		1			Spotted Sandpiper	u C	u 0	u c	
Green-winged Teal	r c		r	r a	Willet	c	c	c	u c
Green-winged real	C		a	а		C	C	C	C

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Marbled Godwit	0	r	0	0	Common Nighthawk*	c	c	c	
Hudsonian Godwit	$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}$	-	Ü	Ü	Chuck-will's-widow	0	Č	0	r
Whimbrel	0	r	0	0	Whip-poor-will	0		0	r
Long-billed Curlew	0	r	u	u	Chimney Swift*	0	0	0	_
Upland Sandpiper	0	0	0	-				_	
Ruddy Turnstone	0	r	u	0	Hummingbirds				
Sanderling	c	0	u	u	Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	c	u	\mathbf{c}	r
Red Knot	\mathbf{r}	r	r	r	Black Chinned Hummingbird			o	r
Dunlin	c	u	c	c	Rufous Hummingbird			O	\mathbf{r}
Pectoral Sandpiper	u	0	u	r	Buff-bellied Hummingbird	\mathbf{r}		r	r
White-rumped Sandpiper	c	0		_					
Semipalmated Sandpiper	c	u	c		Kingfishers				
Western Sandpiper	c	0	c	c	Belted Kingfisher	\mathbf{c}	u	c	\mathbf{c}
Least Sandpiper	c	0	c	c					
Stilt Sandpiper	u	r	u	0	Woodpeckers				
Long-billed Dowitcher	c		c	c	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0		O	0
Short-billed Dowitcher	c	u	c	c	Red-headed Woodpecker	0	r	O	r
Wilson's Snipe	c		c	a	Red-bellied Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u
American Woodcock	\mathbf{r}		r	r	Downy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Wilson's Phalarope	\mathbf{r}		r	-	Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
Winson's Titaler ope	•		•		Northern Flicker*	\mathbf{c}	0	c	c
					Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	O	0
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers									
Bonaparte's Gull	0		0	u	Flycatchers, Phoebes, and Kingbirds				
Laughing Gull	c	c	c	c	Olive-sided Flycatcher	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	
Franklin's Gull	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}	Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	0	u	
Ring-billed Gull	u	0	u	\mathbf{c}	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}	
Herring Gull	u	0	u	u	Acadian Flycatcher	u	u	u	
Black Tern	c	c	c		Least Flycatcher	r	r	O	\mathbf{c}
Caspian Tern	u	u	u	o	Eastern Phoebe	\mathbf{c}		\mathbf{c}	\mathbf{c}
Gull-billed Tern	u	u	u	u	Vermillion Flycatcher	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}	r
Royal Tern	0	0	O	O	Ash-throated Flycatcher	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}
Common Tern	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}	Great Crested Flycatcher	0	0	O	
Forester's Tern*	c	c	c	c	Western Kingbird	\mathbf{r}	r	\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}
Least Tern	0	u	o		Eastern Kingbird*	a	a		a
Black Skimmer	u	u	u	u	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	0	0	0	r
Pigeons and Doves					Shrikes and Vireos				
Rock Dove	0	0	0	0	Loggerhead Shrike*	u	u	u	u
White-winged Dove	0	0	0	r	Warbling Vireo	r		\mathbf{r}	
Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	Philadelphia Vireo		u		c
Inca Dove	u	u	u	u	White-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	0
Common Ground-Dove	r	r	r	r	Red-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	u	u	u	u	Yellow-throated Vireo	0		O	
Cuckoos					Blue-headed Vireo	0		u	u
Black-billed Cuckoo*	O		0		Jays and Crows				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	c	c	u		Blue Jay*	u	u	u	u
Groove-billed Ani	0	r		0	American Crow	0	0	0	0
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Barn Owl*	u	u	u	u	Swallows				
Short-eared Owl	\mathbf{r}		r	r	Barn Swallow*	a	a	a	
Eastern Screech-Owl*	u	u	u	u	Cliff Swallow*	c	u	c	
Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c		c	r
Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u	Bank Swallow	u	0	u	
Burrowing Owl				r	Tree Swallow	a	-	a	a
Nighthawks, Nightjars, and Swifts					Purple Martin*	c	c	u	
						-		-	

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Chickadees, Nuthatches, Titmice					Prothonotary Warbler*	c	c	u	
Carolina Chickadee*	u	u	u	u	Worm-eating Warbler	0	•	0	
Brown Creeper	r		0	0	Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse	u	u	u	u	Mourning Warbler	r		0	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		r	\mathbf{r}		Kentucky Warbler	c	r	u	
					Northern Waterthrush	u	r	u	
Wrens					Louisiana Waterthrush	0	r	0	
Marsh Wren*	a	c	a	a	Ovenbird	c	r	0	
Sedge Wren	u		u	c	Canada Warbler	0	0	u	
Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	Hooded Warbler	c	u	u	
House Wren	u		u	u	Wilson's Warbler	0		0	0
Winter Wren		0	u		Yellow-breasted Chat	u	0	u	r
Kinglets, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes and A	llies				Townson Continues and their Allies				
Goleen-crowned Kinglet	0		0	0	Tanagers, Cardinals and their Allies				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c	Scarlet Tanager*	u		0	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	0	c	u	Summer Tanager*	c	u	c	
Eastern Bluebird	u	u	$^{ m c}$	r	Western Tanager	r		r	
Swainson's Thrush	c	и	u	•	Dickcissel	u	0	О	
Veery	u		0		Blue Grosbeak	c	0	u	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	u		0		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c		u	
Hermit Thrush	u		u	u	Indigo bunting	c	0	u	
Wood Thrush			u		Painted Bunting	u	u	u	r
American Robin	u u		u	r u	Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c
					Sparrows and their Allies				
Thrashers, Pipits, Waxwings, and Starli	ngs				Eastern Towhee	0	0	0	0
Gray Catbird*	u	r	u	u	— Chipping Sparrow	0		O	0
Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	\mathbf{c}	\mathbf{c}	Field Sparrow	0		u	u
Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u	u	Vesper Sparrow	r		O	0
American Pipit	u		u	u	Lark Sparrow	0	r	0	0
Sprague's Pipit	r		r	r	Le Conte's Sparrow	0		u	u
Cedar Waxwing	u		u	u	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	u		u	u
European Starling*	\mathbf{c}	c	c	a	Seaside Sparrow*	c	c	c	c
					Savannah Sparrow	a		a	a
Wood Warbler					Song Sparrow	u		c	c
Tennessee Warbler	\mathbf{c}		c		Lincoln's Sparrow	u		u	u
Nashville Warbler	0		u		Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
Orange-crowned Warbler	u		u	\mathbf{c}	Fox Sparrow		0	0	
Blue-winged Warbler	0		O		White-crowned Sparrow	0		0	0
Golden-winged Warbler	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}		White-throated Sparrow	u		u	u
Northern Parula*	u	u	u	r	Dark-eyed Junco		0	0	
Yellow Warbler	u	r	u		Lapland Longspur			\mathbf{r}	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	u		u		1				
Magnolia Warbler	u		u		Blackbirds and their Allies				
Cape May Warbler	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}		Baltimore Oriole	u	0	u	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		\mathbf{r}		Orchard Oriole*	c	c	u	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	\mathbf{r}		\mathbf{r}		Eastern Meadowlark*	a	a	a	a
——Cerulean Warbler	u		\mathbf{r}				r	r	
Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u		Bobolink	u		r	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	a	Red-winged Blackbird*	a	a	a	a
Palm Warbler	u		u	u	Yellow-headed Blackbird		r	r	-
Pine Warbler	u		u	u	Rusty Blackbird	r		r	\mathbf{r}
Prairie Warbler	0		0		BrewerÕs Blackbird	0		0	u
Blackpoll Warbler	u		-		Common Grackle	0	0	0	u
Bay-breasted Warbler	c		u		Boat-tailed Grackle*	a	a	a	a
Yellow-throated Warbler	u	0	0	r	Great-tailed Grackle	u	u	u	u
Black-and-White Warbler	c	~	c	r	Brown-headed Cowbird*	u	u	u	c
American Redstart	c		c	•	Drown neaded combind	и	и	и	C
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Finches and Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow*	u	u	u	u
American Goldfinch	0		0	c
House Finch	0		0	u
Purple Finch		r	r	

These additional 22 species are considered accidental, very rarely seen on the Complex with only one or two sightings.

Brant Black swan
Oldsquaw Masked duck
White-winged scoter Masked Booby
Northern Gannet Bell's Vireo

Brown Crested Flycatcher Rough-legged Hawk

Swallow-tailed Kite Black-throated Gray Warbler

Swainson's Warbler Black Francolin
American Tree Sparrow Sooty Tern
Brown Noddy Pine Siskin

Whooping Crane Western Grebe

Lesser Black-backed Gull Lesser Nighthawk

Ethics for Birdwatching

Observe birds without disturbing them. Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds. Electronic call devices should be used sparingly even when they are permitted.

Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb the birds or expose them to danger.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

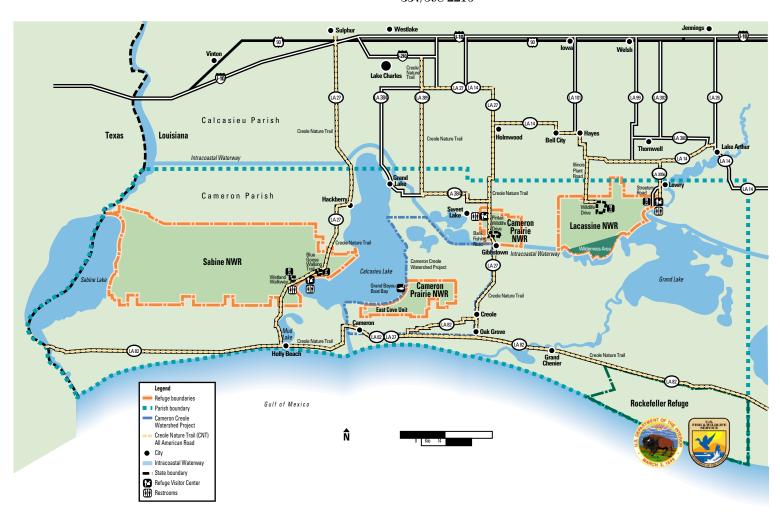
Leave habitats as they are found. Many birds die when they become entangled in fish lines, crab strings, six-pack rings, and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

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To report unusual sightings, or for further information, contact: Visitor Services Manager

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Sighting Notes
Date
Time
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$Number\ of\ species$
$Route\ or\ area$
Observers
Remarks